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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No.....09/764,247  
Inventorship.....Bressoud et al.  
Filing Date .....January 17, 2001  
Art Unit .....2151  
Examiner .....Hassan A. Phillips  
Docket No. ....1-1-1-1  
Confirmation No. ....5905  
Title: Method, Apparatus and System for Maintaining Connections Between  
Computers Using Connection-Oriented Protocols

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO MARCH 28, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

This is submitted in response to an Office Action dated 28 March 2006, and is being submitted within two-months of the date of the Office Action, therefore no additional fees or extensions are necessary. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the "Listing of Claims" beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.